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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
REGISTRATION FORM

1. Name of Property

historic name: Residence at 805 W. Watson

other name/site number: Stone building #300

2. Location

street & number: 805 W. Watson

not for publication: n/a
vicinity: n/a

city/town: Lewistown

state: Montana code: MT county: Fergus code: 027 zip code: 59457

3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1986, as amended, I hereby certify that this X nomination request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property X meets does not meet the National Register Criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant nationally statewide X locally. (See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Maude Stup SHPO 12-11-93
Signature of certifying official/Title Date

Montana State Historic Preservation Office
State or Federal agency or bureau

In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria.

Signature of commenting or other official Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

4. National Park Service Certification

I, hereby certify that this property is:

entered in the National Register
 see continuation sheet

determined eligible for the
National Register

 see continuation sheet
 determined not eligible for the
National Register

 see continuation sheet
 removed from the National Register

 see continuation sheet
 other (explain): _____

Patrick Andrews Signature of the Keeper Date of Action 1/27/93

5. Classification

Ownership of Property: Private

Category of Property: Buildings

Number of Resources within Property

Contributing	Noncontributing
<u> 1 </u>	___ building(s)
___	___ sites
___	___ structures
___	___ objects
<u> 1 </u>	___ Total

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register: 0

Name of related multiple property listing: Stone Buildings in Lewistown, Montana and Vicinity

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions:
Domestic/single dwelling

Current Functions:
Domestic/single dwelling

7. Description

Architectural Classification:
Other: Pyramid cottage

Materials:
foundation: stone
walls: stone
roof: shingle

Narrative Description

This single-story coursed stone residence is rectangular in plan except for a recessed corner to provide a covered entry at the northeast corner of the entry elevation. Originally, this small porch with a wooden floor housed two entrances. The narrow dimension of the rectangle parallels the street. The roof is hipped wood shingle, and has a very modest overhang with a narrow flat fascia and boxed soffit. The roof is a complete rectangle and projects over the entry, noted above. The cantilevered porch roof corner is supported by a single turned wooden column. The sandstone walls are composed of coursed cut stone of varying lengths with single simple stone beam lintels and single stone sills. All stone work is pitched face. The stonework is coursed, as noted, but not precise in its alignment. Smearred mortar joints are finished with a raised bead to lend the impression of coursed ashlar. The stone walls have been painted. All windows are individually placed in the walls with approximately equal spacing between window penetrations. The entry elevation features a large cottage window that is embellished with a stained glass transom light. Individual windows are wood double-hung 1-over-1 units.

This residence also retains a small wooden addition on its back end. This addition dates to the historic period and contains a four-light fixed window, a six-panel wooden door, a hipped porch roof and a concrete foundation. The addition is sided with pre-World War II siding.

Note: The three residences at 805, 809 and 813 West Watson are very similar in size, style, and construction and form a small specialized subdivision within the block.

8. Statement of Significance

Certifying official has considered the significance of this property in relation to other properties: Locally

Applicable National Register Criteria: C **Areas of Significance:** Architecture

Criteria Considerations (Exceptions): n/a **Period(s) of Significance:** 1905

Significant Person(s): n/a **Significant Dates:** 1905

Cultural Affiliation: n/a **Architect/Builder:** unknown

Narrative Statement of Significance

This residence is significant because it is an excellent example of historic stone masonry construction in Lewistown in the early 1900s. The use of coursed, pitched-face cut stone with smear mortar joints finished with a raised bead to lend an impression of coursed ashlar was a technique commonly employed by Lewistown's earliest stone masons. As was typical in communities across the country, early buildings were constructed of materials found near the building site--stone, logs and sod. Materials were prepared by the builders themselves, rather than in distant mills, kilns or factories. In Lewistown, local sandstone could be easily gathered or quarried and the stone building traditions imported by the earliest settlers provided a natural solution to the housing needs created by population growth in the days prior to improved transportation.

Built to serve a burgeoning population in Lewistown in 1905, this house is one of three nearly identical houses owned by John Charters as investment property. This example and its two neighbors at 809 and 813 West Watson feature simple rectangular plans with hipped roofs. While this roof design required a more complex framing, it used fewer long-spanning rafters and thus was less expensive to erect. The three stone houses, unique in Lewistown, remained in group ownership through three owners until 1922. This stone residence maintains historic integrity of design, location, setting, materials, and workmanship. The sandstone walls have been painted, which is reversible.

9. Major Bibliographic References

Abstract of Title

Tax Cards

Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps, 1901, 1908

Sievert, Ken and Ellen, "Historical and Architectural Survey of Sandstone Resources of Lewistown, Montana," unpublished manuscript, March 31, 1987. Available at State Historic Preservation Office.

Previous documentation on file (NPS):

- preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested.
- previously listed in the National Register
- previously determined eligible by the National Register
- designated a National Historic Landmark
- recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey # _____
- recorded by Historic American Engineering Record # _____

Primary Location of Additional Data:

- State Historic Preservation Office
- Other State agency
- Federal agency
- Local government
- University
- Other -- Specify Repository:

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of Property: Less than one acre

UTM References:

	Zone	Easting	Northing
A	12	619280	5212880

Verbal Boundary Description

This property is located in the Stafford #3, Block 5, Lot 2, in the SE quarter of the NE quarter of the SW quarter of Section 15, T15N, R18E, City of Lewistown, Montana.

Boundary Justification

This property is part of a discontinuous multiple property nomination. This specific parcel includes only the city lots upon which the building is located.

11. Form Prepared By

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